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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE February 1, 1962

Full Name Harris, Henry T.

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 3402 Carden Drive

(formerly 133 7th Ave. N. Jacksonville Beach, Fla.)

City Columbus

State Georgia

Age 36 (This is important and should be exact) DOB (12/22/25)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Prot.

Nationality _____

Occupation Former Scout Executive

Education College (Majored in Education) Univ. of Florida

Weight 175

Color _____

W _____

Height _____

6'1"

Color of hair Brown

Color of eyes _____

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single Married

Children _____

Two

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit #

City

State

Office

Date Reg'd.

Date resigned

Special recognition _____

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Signed _____

Scout Executive

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February 5, 1962

Mr. Spurgeon P. Gaskin
Regional Scout Executive, VI
550 Bank of Georgia Building
Atlanta 9, Georgia

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Henry T. Harris and
Robert Lee Miller

Dear Spurge:

Skipper has shared with me the information you passed on concerning Henry T. Harris, and we have noted this in our files. In your note to Skipper, you also mentioned Robert Lee Miller whom we have also noted in our files. However, the only information we have, is of the indications in your note. Is there any specific information you can send us concerning Mr. Miller so that we may complete our records on him?

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

John D. Webster
Assistant Director
Registration Service

JDW:ada

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Skipper -

Here are a couple of news items and a letter concerning Henry Harris, IX-Exec. of Columbus Ga. He was en-route to Tampa to take over as SE there when caught. Other news items came out, but these are the only ones I have so hold onto them or return them. The letter is from Cassin Callaway, Council President at Columbus Ga.

While I'm writing, I'd also say that we have just apprehended another ^{Noted} of these guys. His name is Bob Miller, District Executive at West Palm Beach Fla. He is in jail there now and has resigned to Mac Gaskins, Asst. Scout Executive.

Skipper, I have done some thinking about these — — —'s and I'm mad. We are going to trace down every possible clue on everyone. The police are pretty good about giving us leads on suspects.

Courtney Gorman tells me he has set up a Recruiting dinner for March 28th and we are setting up a meeting of placement directors at noon on March 29. Numerous Councils promised to set up small recruitment drives as a result of our All Hands call. I will contact you later. Looking forward to

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your visit here. Will hope you can come
today and stay late - More on this
when I can get time to develop
a plan - Save Nov 25 to 30 for us

Best Regards

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January 18, 1962

Mr. Henry T. Harris
2432 Misty Drive
Jacksonville 11, Florida

Dear Henry:

Since your copy of your letter to Mr. Saskin indicates you plan a fight in court, I would like to give you some information I have in the hopes that it will help you in the case of your innocence.

First, I can say this after talking with the arresting officers that the case is very airtight and you would have to introduce some very new factors in the case to stand any chance of winning. The prosecuting attorney, Mr. Ed Hill, indicated that if you wanted a trial instead of forfeiting bond you could probably get it, but in the event you were found guilty you would get a chaingang sentence.

Here is what you will be up against: Two policemen will testify that they observed you in the act through a trick mirror arrangement set up for that purpose. One will testify that he observed you constantly from the beginning of the act until his companion made identification with a badge over the wall. A third policeman will testify as to your behavior outside the restroom and as to watching the door for possible people coming and going.

If the lie detector test had proven you 100% clear it would have still been a heavy uphill battle to do anything, because it would have been inadmissible in court. If the lie detector test had proved 100% that you were innocent, my hope was to attempt to persuade the prosecuting attorney to have the arresting officers take a test or at least to try to have another test taken on you in Florida that would have been admissible as evidence.

The point I am trying to make is unless you can get some brand new evidence that makes a material difference or unless you can take a lie detector test that conclusively proves your innocence I only see one possibility in your fighting it and that is that you will go to trial if you insist on it and be proven guilty and be sent to a chaingang. In other words it will take something very strong in the minds of the Judge and Jury to change the sworn testimony of two policemen who were eye witnesses and a third who can offer indirect testimony. Incidentally, I must add that your statements about the height of the wall in the place were not true.

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After my checking personally with the thing and after the lie detector test verified all the evidence, I must say that I believe all areas of doubt have been removed from my mind. However, if I am mistaken I certainly wish you all possible luck in establishing your innocence.

Sincerely,

Cason J. Callaway, Jr.

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Mr. Spurgeon Gaskin
Regional Scout Executive
Boy Scouts of America
550 Bank of Georgia Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gaskin:

Enclosed is the clipping from the Tampa Tribune which you asked me to send you. This paper pretty well covers all the Council area. The clipping I am sending you is from the Tampa edition. A similar story is also in the Area edition. We have been receiving calls relating to this article.

I sincerely hope that things can be worked out without any deterrent factors to our Scouting program for 1962.

Most cordially yours,

Dan
John C. Dannenbarger
Director of Field Service

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For Lewd Acts

Thirty-six white men, many of them from Tallahassee, were convicted or forfeited bonds in City Court this morning on charges of soliciting other men for lewd acts.

Fourteen pleaded guilty, 17 estreated bonds, two pleaded no contest and were found guilty and three were found guilty by Judge John A. Rudd after a trial.

One man was given a directed verdict of acquittal and cases of three others similarly charged were postponed.

Today's trials were the result of a large-scale roundup by City Police, headed by R. J. Strickland, chief investigator for the State Legislative Investigating Committee. The arrests have been made a few at a time over a period of two months. Most of the arrests were made in or near the restroom of the Greyhound bus station.

The charge against all those found guilty today was soliciting for lewd and lascivious acts.

Many of those arrested were transients, some from as far away as Oregon. Some were from neighboring cities. Twelve gave Tallahassee addresses.

Strickland said this was the largest number of arrests since the legislative committee began its checks on sex deviation more than a year ago. The Tallahassee roundup came on the heels of similar action in Panama City and Bay County a few months ago.

Most of those who pleaded guilty were given \$500 fines and short mandatory jail sentences by City Judge John Rudd. Most of the out of town accused forfeited \$500 bonds.

The cases handled this morning included:

Ten Allsman of Tallahassee pleaded innocent then changed his plea to guilty and was sentenced to \$400 or 60 days plus one day in jail mandatory.

Walter Davis Leverett of Tallahassee changed his plea from innocent to guilty and was sen-

terced to \$100 or 30 days.

Jack Preer of Daytona Beach was given a 30 day suspended sentence after a trial proved he entered a hospital to undergo treatment. He had pleaded innocent.

Murray Hammond of Bushnell pleaded innocent and denied all charges but after a trial he was found guilty and sentenced to \$400 or 60 days plus one day mandatory.

Cecil H. Johnson, Bainbridge, \$400 fine.

Bernhard LeClair, Pensacola, \$500 bond estreated.

Maynard Patterson, Tallahassee, \$400 or 60 days plus five days mandatory.

Curtis Leroy Chatham, Tallahassee, \$500 bond estreated.

James Willis, Cairo, bond estreated.

Karl Gruber, Miami, bond estreated.

Allen C. Pierson, Panama City, \$400 or 60 days.

Joseph Lawrence Gwaltney, out of state, \$500 or 60 days.

Fred D. Robertson, Freeport, La., \$400 or 60 days and one day mandatory.

William C. Smithson, Tallahassee, \$400 or 60 days plus 1 day mandatory.

Wilson Hurst Beverly, Birmingham, \$500 bond estreated.

Francis Floyd Lamb, Tallahassee, \$400 or 60 days.

Weldon Russell Davis, Tallahassee, \$500 or 60 days plus 30 days in jail.

Robert Earl Blount, Quincy, \$500 bond estreated.

James Garrett Scully, Thomasville, \$400 or 60 days plus 5 days mandatory.

Robert W. Rose, Michigan, \$500 bond estreated.

James Warren Meacham, out of town, \$500 or 60 days plus 1 day mandatory.

Russell R. Goss, out of state, \$300 bond forfeited.

Tom W. Newberry, Calhoun Ga., bond estreated.

Edmund Ballou, Tallahassee, \$400 or 60 days plus 5 days mandatory.

Samuel L. Goolsby, Indiana, bond estreated.

John Jacob Heise, Tallahassee, \$400 or 60 days plus one day in jail (given credit for 1 day already spent in jail.)

Jack Phillips, Tallahassee, \$400 or 60 days plus 5 days mandatory.

Henry T. Harris, Columbus Ga., \$500 bond forfeited.

Reginald Earl Thomas, Miami, \$500 bond estreated.

E. P. Gross, Lake Alfred, \$500 bond estreated.

Robert J. Mitchell, out of town, \$500 bond estreated.

J. G. Clinkscales, Jacksonville, \$400 or 60 days plus one day man-

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Tallahassee Fines 19 Men On Charges of Perversion

TALLAHASSEE (AP)—Nineteen men ranging from teachers to laborers, who were arrested here in a month-long drive against homosexuality, were sentenced in City Court yesterday to pay fines ranging up to \$500. Some were given short mandatory jail sentences in addition.

The bonds posted by 17 others who failed to appear for trial were claimed by the city. One man was acquitted, and the trials of charges against three others were postponed by Municipal Judge John Rudd.

Tallahassee city police and the legislative investigating committee investigator made the investigations.

City policeman said no ring of homosexuals was involved. Rather, they said, the men were picked up by ones and twos over the past month. Many of those named in the charges were from other states and apparently were arrested at a local bus station which remains open all night.

The general charge against the men was "soliciting for lewd and lascivious acts."

Of the 40 men involved, only four contested the charges. One of these was Lucian C. Reed, 31, a Florida State University social welfare instructor. He was given a directed verdict of acquittal by City Judge John Rudd.

Another Florida State University faculty member, Volney H. Wells, 73, failed to appear for trial and his \$500 bond was estreated. Judge Rudd said if the university didn't fire the man, he would reinstate the bond and bring him into court for trial.

A Bushnell football coach, Murray S. Hammond, 40, also contested the charges but was convicted. He drew a sentence of \$400 fine or 60 days in jail, plus a mandatory one day in jail.

Jack Preer, 43-year-old Daytona Beach furniture salesman who also went to trial, was sentenced to 30 days in jail but the term was suspended on condition he enter a hospital for treatment.

Cecil H. Johnson, 30, a Bainbridge, Ga., truck driver, was convicted and was given the alternatives of paying a \$400 fine or serving 60 days in jail.

Plead Guilty

Those who pleaded guilty and their sentences were:

Walter Leverett, 72, Tallahassee, \$100 fine or 60 days; Ten Allsman, 51, Tallahassee salesman, \$400 or 60 days; Maynard Patterson, 32, Tallahassee restaurant operator, \$400 fine or 60 days plus mandatory five days in jail; James W. Meacham, Manhattan Beach, Calif., \$500 fine; Francis Lloyd Lamb, 38, Tallahassee, \$400 fine; James G.

Robert J. Mitchell, 32, Burlington, N.C.; Reginald E. Thomas, 60, Miami Beach; Wiley S. Dunn, Stetson University student, and Robert Lee Linton, 34, Tallahassee.

Clarence H. Callahan, 43, assistant director of the state merit system, failed to appear for trial last month on disorderly conduct charges and his bond of \$35 was estreated. Investigators said he had been picked up at a bus station in the investigation.

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W. R. Davis, 51, Tallahassee store clerk, \$500 fine and 30 days in jail; Allen C. Pierson Jr., 32, sergeant at Tyndall Air Force Base, \$400 fine; E. L. Ballow, 39, Tallahassee insurance salesman, \$400 fine and mandatory five days in jail; Herbert G. Clinkscales, Jacksonville, \$400 fine and mandatory one day in jail; William O. Smithson, Tallahassee store clerk, \$400 and mandatory five days in jail; and Jack Phillips, 24, Tallahassee state employee, \$400 and mandatory five days.

Two men pleaded no contest and were adjudged guilty. Joseph Gwaltney, 41, of New Bent, N.C., was fined \$500 and John J. Heise, research assistant at Florida State University, \$400 fine and mandatory one day in jail.

Fail to Appear

In addition to Wells, others whose bonds were estreated when they failed to appear for trial:

Wilson Beverly, 40, Birmingham, Ala., clerk; Robert L. Blunt, 33, Quincy, butcher; Russell R. Goss, 46, Pennsylvania; Karl W. Gruber, 35, Miami; E. P. Grass, 46, Lake Alfred, salesman; Bernard LeClair, 30, Pensacola; Curtis Leroy Chatham, 25, Tallahassee office worker; Tom Watson Newberry, 33, Morgan, Ga., agricultural worker; Robert Rose, 38, Detroit businessman; Samuel B. Goolsby, 35, Anderson, Ind.; Henry T. Harris, 36, Columbus, Ga.

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GIVES ADDRESS OF SCOUT OFFICE
According to the Associated Press in Tallahassee, Henry T. Harris, arrested in the Florida city on a morals charge, was a Boy Scout official and listed his address as 1115 Brown Ave. here. This address is the Boy Scout Council office in Columbus. Harris, executive for the Georgia-Alabama Council, Boy Scouts of America, resigned Dec. 4 to accept a similar post in Tampa, Fla. He came to Columbus in 1958 from Jacksonville, where he served as assistant executive for the council for three years.

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DR DELMER H WILSON BSA

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JAN 3 LEFT JAN 4 OFFICIAL RESIGNATION RECEIVED
HERE JAN 10 AS FOLLOWS QUOTE I HAVE SUBMITTED MY
RESIGNATION AS SCOUT EXECUTIVE TO THE GULF RIDGE COUNCIL

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TAKE THIS STEP AT THIS TIME MY ADDRESS IS 3402 CARDEN
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YOU YESTERDAY

S P GASKIN

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JANUARY 24, 1962

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MR. S. P. GASKIN
REGIONAL EXECUTIVE, BSA
550 BANK OF GEORGIA BLDG.
~~ATLANTA~~ ATLANTA, GA.

PLEASE ADVISE BY WIRE IMMEDIATELY DATE OF SEPARATION FOR HENRY T. HARRIS
FORMERLY OF TAMPA, FLA. ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING VIA AIR MAIL
COMPLETE REPORT ON HIM.

DELMER H. WILSON

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